

UoN establishes Centre for Pedagogy and Institute for Dryland

The University of Nairobi (UoN) has established the Centre for Pedagogy and Andragogy (CEPA) and the African Dryland Institute for Sustainability (ADIS).

CEPA will train the academic staff on the development of academic programmes and establish sustained faculty training on pedagogy and andragogy. The training will address sensitive issues in teaching and research. CEPA will be based at the College of Education and External Studies.

On the other hand, ADIS will play a unique role in addressing dryland issues. The Institute will focus on supporting dryland communities so that they can adapt to the many changes affecting their sustainability. ADIS is a partnership between UoN and Colorado State University that is supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through Higher Education for Development initiative. The Institute will be at the College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences.

While presiding over the launch, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi, noted that the objectives of the two institutes will address key issues in society. Prof. Mbithi said that pedagogy is critical to the quality of graduates the university produces. The Vice-Chancellor noted that ADIS activities will resuscitate the University's Kibwezi Farm which has been dormant for a while now.

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